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U.S. Army Corps of Engineers to host public meeting to discuss upcoming ordnance study

The public is invited to a meeting about the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers' upcoming ordnance study on property comprising what was once Camp Swift, an Army training installation in Bastrop County. The meeting sign-in will be from 6-7 p.m., and the meeting will begin at 7 p.m., Tuesday, Feb. 19, at the Bastrop High School Commons (cafeteria), 1614 Chambers Street in Bastrop, Texas.

The Corps' Fort Worth District, in conjunction with the Corps' Engineering and Support Center in Huntsville, Ala., and Parsons Corporation, a private contractor, is scheduled to begin the study of the approximately 52,000-acre former camp area in February. The study is designed to determine the presence and extent of ordnance and explosives items remaining in the former camp area, and make recommendations for future actions based on the results.

Camp Swift was used for Army training from 1942 to 1947. It was located about 20 miles east of Austin near Bastrop in an area now bounded by Highway 290 on the north, Highway 21 on the east and Highway 95 on the west. The property is now occupied by the Lower Colorado River Authority, Bastrop Lake State Park, Texas National Guard (current Camp Swift), a medium-security federal prison, and agricultural and residential landowners.

For more information about the meeting or the project, call Anita Horky at the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Fort Worth District, at 817-886-1313.